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Amit Shah begins hectic Mysuru visit

Inaugurates Parvathamma and Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa Guest House at Suttur

To visit Chamundi Hill Temple; to meet Cluster leaders and workers of four Lok Sabha seats

Union Home Minister Amit Shah after inaugurating Smt. Parvathamma and Dr. Sri Shamanur Shivashankarappa Guest House at Suttur this morning. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, Union Minister Pralhad V. Joshi, former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath are seen. [Pic. by Vatal Anand]

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MTY&BCT)- Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Mysuru in the wee hours of today and his hectic engagements include a visit to the Suttur Mutt, a visit to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, BJP Core Committee meeting and a BJP Cluster meeting focussing on the Parliamentary constituencies of Mysuru-Kodagu, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar.

All the events are scheduled to take place after 2 pm today, though the official itinerary has not been released to the media.

The Home Minister's morning schedule of visiting Sri Chamundeshwari Temple was postponed to 3 pm today as the BJP leader arrived at Mysore Airport in an IAF Aircraft at 2.40 am today instead of his original arrival time of 11.30 pm yesterday.

(See AMIT SHAH on page 6)

Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway-275

GPS-based toll system before Lok Sabha polls

Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari announces in Rajya Sabha

New Delhi, Feb. 11 (Agencies)- Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that the Centre has initiated a pilot project for a GPS-based tolling system on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway and aims to launch the technology before announcing the Lok Sabha polls.

Nitin Gadkari

In a written response to a question posed by Lahar Singh Siroya in the Rajya Sabha, Gadkari stated that the Road Transport Ministry has engaged a consultant to provide advisory services on the implementation of new technologies such as the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)-based barrier-less free flow tolling.

Gadkari emphasised that GNSS can retrieve the positioning of the vehicle on the National Highway and calculate the user fee based on the distance travelled. Pilot projects, including on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway-275 in Karnataka, have been decided to be conducted.

"Soon we will, before the announcement of the Lok Sabha polls, launch the satellite-based toll system. There will be no toll booths and no stopping. A photo of the number plate will be clicked from where you are entering the toll road and where you are exiting. Money will be deducted from your bank account automatically. Users will have to pay only for the distance they are travelling. We are aiming to launch this scheme before the introduction of the Election Model Code of Conduct," he said.

The term of the Lok Sabha will end in May, and the country will have elections for it around March-April. When implemented, tolling will be done online either through Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras or a GPS device installed in the car that will read the location of the vehicle. There will be a device at the entry and exit of the toll stretch that will read the location of the car. So, drivers not using the entire stretch will only pay for the distance they travelled. It will particularly benefit riders using smaller sections. As per the Ministry, the technology will be implemented across the country based on the results of the pilot. Toll plazas will no longer exist on Highways.

Over 300 take part in adventure sailing, swimming, running at KRS Backwaters

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra** (third from left) **flags off Bergman Triathlon and Duathlon Mysore at KRS Backwaters this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BCT)- The inaugural Bergman Triathlon and Duathlon Mysore kicked off this morning at KRS Backwaters on Anandur-Chikkanahalli Road, with Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra inaugurating the event.

Organised by the Deccan Sports Club in collaboration with the Mysuru District Administration, the Department of Tourism and the Triathlon Association of Karnataka, the event drew participation from over 300 individuals hailing from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Kolhapur, Jammu & Kashmir and other locations. Among them was a notable 68-year-old senior citizen.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 11th February 2024

Hindustani Sarod recital at Ganabharathi tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Gayana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised Hindustani Classical Music Concert on Feb. 12 at 6 pm at Ganabharathi here.

Sougata Roy Chowdhury from Kolkata will present Sarod recital. He will be accompanied by Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla.

Profile: Born in a Bengali artistic family, Sougata Roy grew up in Shantiniketan. Sougata started to learn sarod at the age of ten with Ustad Dhyanesh Khan, son of Sarod Legend Ustad Ali Akbar Khan.

At present Sougata is receiving mentorship from the knowledgeable senior disciple of Ustad Ali Akbar Khan & Guru Pandit Rajeev Taranath.

Sougata Roy holds Master's degree from Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan, a degree in Indian Classical Music from Pracheen Kala Kendra, Chandigarh.

Sougata Roy Chowdhury

An 'A' grade artiste of AIR, Sougata has performed extensively in prestigious platforms all over India and abroad. He has been performing, teaching and holding workshops in Europe and USA for many years.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Beauty is bought by judgement of the eye"

This beautiful quote by William Shakespeare reminds me of an intriguing Russian folk tale.

During a fair, a little girl got separated from her mother. Panic-stricken, the little girl began to wail so loudly that the heads of the passers-by turned toward her. Taking pity on that girl, a small crowd had gathered around her.

Everyone started questioning her about the particulars of her mother. After a lot of cajoling, the little girl spoke in between sobs that her mother was the most beautiful woman ever to be seen. The crowd around reassured the frightened little girl that her mother could be easily traced with the clue she had given.

People started searching high and low in the carnival for the most beautiful woman. When they lined up some women whom they thought were beautiful, the little girl wailed with all her might saying that her mother was even more beautiful. The people were at a loss and were confused as to what to do next to help the tiny one.

Suddenly, the people saw a woman running towards them. The little girl's eyes brightened up and the crowd saw a happy reunion. On a closer look, the little one's mother was a very plain-looking woman. She was short and fat and was not anywhere near the conventional notion of 'beautiful'. The girl turned towards the crowd and declared, "This is my mother and look how beautiful she looks." Not a single one in the crowd could stop the tears welling up in their eyes.

Well! On further thought, does beauty have a concrete, universal definition? What may seem beautiful to one person may not be so for another. In other words, the perception of beauty is subjective - people can have differing opinions on what is beautiful.

God has bestowed on all human beings with a complex personality. How is it possible for one individual to see things in the same light as that of the other? All said and done, beauty, of course, lies in the eyes of the beholder, does it not? —*Sripriya Satish in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Sea that disappeared in 50 years

Almaty: January 2024 is the second consecutive month when the global temperature was above the normal mark. In fact, this pushed the global average temperature over 1.5 degree threshold for first time ever. But more than a decade before such adverse impacts became evident, the world saw an entire sea disappear. The water body was called Aral Sea, a land locked lake between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, which largely dried up by 2010.

Aral Sea was the fourth-largest body of inland water in the world with an area of 68,000 square kilometres. It began shrinking in the 1960s after the rivers that fed it were diverted by Soviet irrigation projects. NASA's Earth Observatory has posted a detailed analysis of the reason behind Aral Sea's disappearance.

WWII-era bomb found near Florida airport

Brooksville: Construction workers working on a land near a Florida airport unearthed what turned out to be an inert World War II (WWII)-era bomb.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office said the crew was working at the site of what will eventually be Wilton Simpson Technical College in Brooksville, near the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport, when they discovered the buried ordinance.

The explosives experts determined the decaying Mark 65, a 1,000-pound bomb dating back to World War II, was inert. The sheriff's office said the bomb will be disposed of by a crew from MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

The bomb's origins are believed to be tied to the World War II-era military airfield that occupied the land before it became Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport. The airfield was used for training by B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Most cases of chronic kidney disease show no overt symptoms during the early stage. Individuals with high risk factors are advised to check their kidney functions regularly.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Various events to mark Prof. MDN's birth anniversary on Feb. 13

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (GA&TRR)- Farmer leader Vidyasagar has said that Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene have organised the 88th birth anniversary celebrations of renowned farmer leader Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy under the title 'Namma MDN' at Ravindra Kalakshetra, near Town Hall, Bengaluru, on Feb. 13 at 10 am.

He was speaking at a press conference held at Pathrakartara Bhavan in the city on Friday.

"For present day youths, fight is equivalent to staging protest on streets and lay siege to Government offices. But Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy used to protest in a rational and logical manner. Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha is following his foot steps," said Vidyasagar.

Continuing, he said a book 'Baarukolu' will be released at the function. The function also includes lectures in memory of MDN, interactions with his close associates, a play 'Direct Action,' Namdu Raithara Santhe, display of sowing seeds, Horatada Haadugalu, photo expo of MDN's life and his fight for farmers cause. Farmers from different parts of the State will come and participate in the birthday celebrations of Prof. MDN," concluded Sangha leader Vidyasagar.

Office-bearers Manjukiran, Katvadipura Shivanna, Marishetty, Immavu Raghu, Satishrao. Shwetha and Shantaraju were present at the press conference.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **91.42 feet**	Today's level **2,271.58 feet**	Today's level **2,831.46 feet**
Last year's level **112.38 feet**	Last year's level **2,270.82 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.93 feet**
Yesterday's level **91.52 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,271.66 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.49 feet**
Today's Inflow **488 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **102 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **207 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,122 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Take a breath: Half the oxygen you breathed in was made by algae. We don't think much about algae, except when we see yucky, slimy scum on a pond. But algae first oxygenated Earth's atmosphere. If all Earth's algae died tomorrow, we would soon expire, too.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Father: *Hey! Why have you used your crayons on the walls?*

Son: *Because it is the drawing room wall!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.01**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 104.84**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.60**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.49**

VOICE OF THE READER

Upgrade traffic cameras for a safer city commute

Sir,

The current system of cameras installed at traffic signals utilises panning cameras, which require manual control by an operator to observe each direction.

Recently, while waiting at Kalamandira Junction to make a right turn, I observed violators proceeding straight through the intersection when the signal was red. This occurred because the panning camera was focused on the road near Kalamandira, allowing violators to exploit this blind spot and disregard the signal with impunity.

To address this issue effectively, I suggest that each junction should be equipped with separate Artificial Intelligence-based cameras, each facing a specific road independently. This modification would eliminate blind spots and provide comprehensive coverage of traffic violations at intersections. Hope Traffic Police will take proactive measures to enhance traffic monitoring and enforcement.

—**Sanjay Kini**
Mysuru 7.2.2024

Pailwan Sumith Gujjar wins 'Suttur Kesari' title

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (VNS)- Pailwan Sumith Gujjar of Haryana won the 'Suttur Kesari' title defeating his opponent Pailwan Sagar Tamade of Maharashtra at the 42nd National-level Traditional Wrestling Tournament held as a part of Suttur Jathra Mahotsava in Suttur yesterday.

The wrestling tournament was inaugurated by Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre in presence of Suttur Mutt Pontiff Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. A total of 65 wrestling bouts were held for Suttur Kesari title.

Meanwhile, Pailwan Nithin of Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Mysuru, defeated Pailwan Dixit of Bhoothappa Garadi to win the 'Suttur Kumara' title.

A total of 65 wrestlers from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and other parts of the State had taken part in the State-level Wrestling Tournament.

Each match was held for a duration of five minutes and wrestlers awarded with participation certificates and mementoes. Onlookers were seen keenly involved in matches supporting their favourite wrestlers adding cheer to the tournament.

Minister Eshwar Khandre called upon people to maintain a healthy life stating that with the change in the lifestyle and staying away from physical and sporting activities, people were facing health issues in the recent years.

Urilinga Peddi Mutt Pontiff Sri Jnanaprakasha Swamiji, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, ChaMUL President Y.C. Nagendra, former University of Mysore VC Prof. Hemantha Kumar were present.

HSRP deadline Feb. 17

Six days to go but issues persist

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BLU&BCT)- With just 6 days remaining until the deadline for affixing High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP), only 10 lakh vehicles in Karnataka have adhered to the regulation out of a total of 2 crore vehicles registered before April 1, 2019. Many vehicle owners remain unaware of the requirement to obtain HSRP before Feb. 17.

In August 2023, the State Government issued a notification mandating the installation of HSRP before Nov. 17, subsequently extending the deadline by three months to Feb. 17 to allow for compliance.

The Transport Department will impose a fine of Rs. 1,000 (increased to Rs. 2,000 for repeat offences) on vehicle owners who fail to comply with the HSRP requirement. With the deadline fast approaching, there's a surge in old vehicle owners rushing to change their number plates, leading to significant confusion and challenges.

Sources within the Transport Department suggest that the Government may have no choice but to extend the deadline once more, although there is no official confirmation regarding the deadline extension.

Officers said that vehicle owners will be spared of the penalty if they show the online application that has been submitted for HSRP registration.

High volume of HSRP seekers

Vehicle showrooms are inundated with a high volume of owners seeking to replace their old number plates with new ones. A showroom manager revealed that their outlet receives approximately 100 calls daily regarding HSRP installation in old vehicles.

Due to overwhelming demand, they are now advising customers to visit after a 15-day period. Even authorised dealers designated for installing HSRP in old vehicles are experiencing an unprecedented rush.

"Previously, we rarely had customers seeking to change their old number plates. However, now we are installing 100-120 number plates daily. The influx is so overwhelming that we are compelled to schedule appointments for 3-4 days later due to an extensive waiting list. Additionally, we are tasked with installing new number plates for newly registered vehicles, further delaying the HSRP installation process in old vehicles," stated the showroom manager.

Extra rush/ RC book smart card

The equipment and materials required for making HSRP are provided by the HSRP Department. Each dealer typically has 1 to 2 personnel dedicated to manufacturing HSRP at their workshop, with a maximum capacity of installing 200-300 number plates per day. However, given the disproportionate ratio of dealers to customers, it is likely that many individuals will miss the impending deadline.

Old vehicle owners encounter additional hurdles as well. To install HSRP, it is mandatory to submit the RC book smart card. Those without smart cards must visit the RTO for backlog entry, which necessitates vehicle insurance. However, numerous cases involve lapsed insurance for old vehicles, exacerbating the challenges faced by owners who must now rush to the RTO for backlog entry.

Rural population troubled

Many individuals from rural areas and remote locations are facing considerable difficulties in affixing HSRP plates. With no authorised showrooms or dealers permitted to install HSRP within their district, they are left with no choice but to undertake arduous journeys to cities like Mysuru.

Unfortunately, the Karnataka Government has not explored the possibility of home delivery for HSRP plates, mandating that vehicles must be brought to authorised showrooms for plate installation, regardless of how distant they may be.

Mysuru-born wins title of 'Mrs Middle East'

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BCT)- Mysuru-born Shwetha Bantia won the title of 'Mrs. Middle East' in Season 1 of 'Mr. and Mrs. Middle East' 2024 on Jan. 28.

The event was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

An alumna of the University of Mysore and Marimallapa's College, Shwetha Bantia's journey to success is deeply intertwined with her affection for her hometown. Married to Dr. Jeevan Mahaveer, an alumnus of JSS Medical College, Mysuru, Shwetha has resided in the UK since her marriage in 2010.

Shwetha Bantia

With two master's degrees under her belt, she currently serves as a finance professional, having relocated to Abu Dhabi three years ago. As a mother to a seven-year-old daughter, Shwetha's triumph serves as a beacon of hope for aspiring women everywhere.

Expressing her elation at securing the coveted title, Shwetha underscores her mission to empower and inspire women worldwide.

Beyond the realms of fashion and beauty, her advocacy aims to encourage women to step out of their comfort zones and embrace challenges.

NEWS BRIEFS

New ADC P. Shivaraju takes charge

P. Shivaraju

P. Shivaraju took charge as the new Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Mysuru following the transfer of R. Lokanath, who had taken charge as the ADC on Jan. 11, 2023, here yesterday. Shivaraju had earlier served as Additional Regional Commissioner in Mysuru.

Lokayukta to receive complaints from public

The Lokayukta officials will be receiving complaints from the public regarding delay and corrupt practices in Government Offices at various taluks of the district on Feb. 14 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Travellers' Bulgalow in Saragur taluk, Tahsildar's Office in Yalandur taluk, Chamarajanagar district and Tahsildar's Office in Somwarpet taluk of Kodagu district.

Medical camps

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, has organised medical camp on Psoriasis, Parkinson's Disease and Alcoholic Fatty Liver at its premises till Feb. 29. For details, contact Mob: 95383-67282 or 98864-85005.

Volleyball Tournament

Sri Bavaseshwara Yuvakara Sangha has organised a two-day Floodlight Men's Volleyball Tournament on Feb. 17 and 18 at Koodanahalli in Varuna hobli of Mysuru taluk. The winning teams will be given a give a cash prize and a trophy. Also, an award for the 'Player of the Tournament.' Interested teams may register their names before Feb. 15. For details, contact Mob: 97397-37838 and 78298-48464, according to a release.

Obituary

P.G. Ambrose

Mysuru, Feb. 11- P.G. Ambrose (88), a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away on Feb. 9 in city.

He leaves behind one son, two daughters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at the CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road here yesterday.

ZP CEO urges doctors to combat female foeticide

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RK&BS)- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zilla Panchayat K.M. Gayathri has issued a passionate call to gynaecologists, obstetricians, and radiologists to prioritise the safeguarding of precious lives by putting an end to unethical practices such as sex-determination tests and foeticide.

Gayathri made these remarks while inaugurating a workshop for gynaecologists, obstetricians, and radiologists as part of the 'Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan'.

The workshop was jointly organised by the Health and Family Welfare Department, District Health and Family Welfare Society, Mysuru Zilla Panchayat, District Administration and National Health Mission, at a private hotel recently.

Expressing concern over incidents of female foeticide arising from sex determination tests in some hospitals, Gayathri emphasised the gravity of the issue, urging medical professionals to uphold their duty to care for pregnant women and work towards the well-being of newborns. She condemned any collusion between doctors and those involved in female foeticide, stressing that such actions bring disgrace to society.

Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K.M. Gayathri inaugurating a workshop for gynaecologists, obstetricians and radiologists as part of the 'Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan' at a private hotel in city recently as others look on.

She encouraged doctors to focus on reducing maternal and child mortality rates by providing better care to support the health and development of both mother and child.

The workshop was attended by several health officials including District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCH) Officer Dr. M.N. Jayanth, District Leprosy Officer Dr. Brinda, District TB Officer Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, Diwakar, and Taluk Health Officers.

During the event, recognition was given to professionals who have excelled in providing quality treatment to pregnant women, leading to safe deliveries. Among those honoured were Dr. Lokeshwari from Al Ansar Hospital, Dr. K.B. Suma, Dr. Mamatha, and Uchma Bevary.

The workshop saw the participation of over 100 gynaecologists, obstetricians, and radiologists from both the city and district. Notable speakers included Dr. Arpita from Cheluvamba Hospital, Dr. Shivashankar and Dr. Bhavani from KR Nagar, and Dr. V. Vishwanath from Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, who delivered informative lectures.

BJP's 'Once Again Modi-2024' Vs Congress' 'Mundilla Modi-2024'

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MTY&BS)- In response to the BJP's 'Once Again Modi-2024' wall-writing campaign, the Congress has launched its initiative titled 'Mundilla Modi-2024' (No Next Modi-2024), spearheaded by former MLA M.K. Somashekar. The campaign was inaugurated by Somashekar at Ramaswamy Circle on Friday.

Addressing the media after the launch, Somashekar wryly commented, "Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa recently initiated the 'Once Again Modi-2024' wall writing campaign in the city. By doing so, he is urging voters to support Modi, despite widespread opposition from various sectors of society, including the poor and middle class, and amidst concerns about the country's financial stability."

Somashekar criticised the current political discourse, noting that discussions around temples, religion, and emotions have overshadowed important issues. He accused Modi of attempting to enforce unilateral rule while neglecting pressing issues such as hunger, poverty, and unemployment.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar launching 'Mundilla Modi-2024' (No Next Modi-2024) campaign at Ramaswamy Circle in city on Friday.

Commenting on the BJP's efforts to bolster Modi's image through the wall-writing campaign, Somashekar emphasised the disconnect between the party's propaganda and the reality faced by ordinary citizens. He claimed that the people are eager to remove Modi from office, as evidenced by the lack of enthusiasm for the 'Modi Once Again' narrative. KPCC Spokesman H.A. Venkatesh criticised Modi's policies, arguing that they failed to address the needs of the people. He contrasted Modi's lack of tangible benefits for the populace with the state government's guarantee schemes.

Prominent party functionaries including President of Krishnaraja Block Congress G. Somashekar, former Mayors T.B. Chikkanna and Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna, former Corporator J. Gopi, Gunashekar, NSUI City President N. Manoj and others were present.

Toccata, Dutch Nightingales deliver memorable music

Renowned violinist Mysore M. Manjunath seen addressing the gathering after inaugurating the music concert at KSOU Convocation Bhavan in city last evening as Mysore Music Association Treasurer Ebby Eapen, President M. Lakshminarayan, Secretary M.G. Narasimha, Star of Mysore Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Music Conductor Dr. Sunil Paulraj and others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MK&VNS)- Artistes from Toccata Music Productions, London and The Dutch Nightingales of the Netherlands treated the audience to a captivating musical journey during their concert organised by the Mysore Music Association at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Bhavan last evening.

Toccata Music Productions has seasoned professional and semi-professional musicians hailing from diverse backgrounds. The group serves as a testament to the rich tapestry of perspectives garnered from international experiences, having showcased their talents across the globe.

The concert was inaugurated by renowned violinist Mysore M. Manjunath and Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, the Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*. The event commenced with soulful renditions of songs by 'Some Living' and 'Applejack', performed by Dr. Sunil Paulraj. Subsequently, singers Fiona and James charmed the audience with their rendition of 'Coal Miner's Daughter'. Singer Mark then enthralled the audience with the song 'Bless the Broken Road'.

The concert continued with duet performances, including 'When You Believe' and 'Hallelujah' by Ideen and James, as well as Ema and Jane pairs, respectively.

Following these performances, the audience was treated to renditions of approximately 16 famous songs, including 'Let Me Dare', 'Help from My Friends', 'Abba Medley', 'I Dreamed a Dream', 'Killer Queen', 'Don't Stop Me Now', 'Shake a tail feather', 'Rolling the Deep', 'The Prayer', 'Shadowlands', 'Border Song', 'November Rain', and 'Time to say Goodbye,' all of which were met with much appreciation from the audience.

Mysore Music Association President M. Lakshminarayan, in his welcoming address, highlighted the prestigious stature of both Toccata and Dutch Nightingales in the realm of music. He expressed gratitude for the golden opportunity afforded to music lovers in Mysuru.

In his remarks, Mysore M. Manjunath praised the Mysore Music Association for its role in facilitating a special musical event featuring some of the finest contemporary Western music artistes. He remarked on the unique convergence of Asian and European music in the heritage city of Mysuru.

K.B. Ganapathy commended the organisers for orchestrating the collaboration between the two renowned bands. He also lauded the Mysore Music Association for its distinction as the sole association hosting Western music concerts in Mysuru.

Among the attendees were Mysore Music Association Secretary M.G. Narasimha, Dr. Sunil Paulraj and other distinguished guests.

Artistes of Toccata Music Productions of London and The Dutch Nightingales of Netherlands performing in Mysuru yesterday.

Tribal youths taken on a city tour

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (VNS)- Tribal youths, who are taking part in the week-long 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme, were taken on a city tour on the third day of the event on Friday. The tour began with the students visiting Chamundi Hill and then Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Infosys, Mysore Palace and KRS. They were accompanied by M.N. Nataraj, Regional Director (Southern States), Nehru Yuva Kendra, Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

About 200 tribal youths from 8 States including Jharkhand, Bihar & Chhattisgarh are taking part in the programme organised by Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force), ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and BSF (Border Security Force) held in Mysuru. *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalkrishna]*

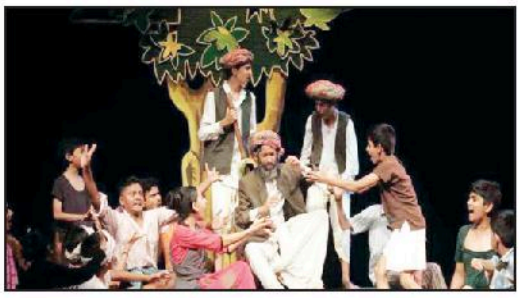
Five-day theatre, folk festival for children from tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MTY&VNS)- City-based Sanchalana Mysuru, in association with the Tourism Department, Kannada & Culture Directorate, Bengaluru and Dream Buzz Foundation, has organised a 5-day 'Children Theatre and Folk Festival' at Kirurangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises from Feb. 12 to 16.

The Fest will be inaugurated tomorrow at 6.30 pm in the presence of MLA K. Harishgowda, University of Mysore Department of Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication Chairperson Prof. M.S. Sapna, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.S. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati, actor Mandya Ramesh, Dream Buzz Foundation Co-ordinator M.P. Pooja. Sanchalana Mysuru President Deepak Mysore and Children Theatre Festival Co-ordinator Thyagaraju Devarahalli will also be present. The inaugural event will be followed by a folk performance 'Desi Vaibhava' by the students of Ayama Academy, Mysuru. Later, play 'Hebbala,' authored by B.V. Jayatheertha and directed by Mandya Ramesh, will be staged by students of Natana Rangashale.

Valedictory is on Feb. 16. Theatre Person Rajashekara Kadamba, former DDPI Manjula, DDPI H.K. Pandu, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Dreams Buzz Vice-President M.P. Suresh will be present. Play begins at 6.30 pm every day and entry is free.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE



FEB. 12

Folk performance 'Desi Vaibhava' by students of Ayama Academy, Mysuru

Play : **Hebbala**
Troupe : Natana Rangashale, Mysuru
Author : B.V. Jayatheertha
Director : Mandya Ramesh

FEB. 13

Play : **Lamba Karnana Ushnisha**
Troupe : Sanchalana, Mysuru
Author : Leela Garadi
Director : Ashok Ninasam

Play : **Nanna Gopala**
Troupe : Abhyasi Trust, Chamarajanagar
Author : Kuvempu
Director : Kiran Girgi

FEB. 14

Dance Ballet : **Punyakoti**
Troupe : Students of Sandal Rose School
Director : Thyagaraju Devarahalli

Play : **Alilu Ramayana**
Troupe : Students of Sandal Rose School
Author : Vaidehi
Director : Thyagaraju Devarahalli

FEB. 15

Dance : **Yellede Sada Vasanthakala Nalanalisali**
Artistes : K. Apoorva and Taniswara
Author : N.S. Lakshminarayana Bhat
Music : S.K. Narayana

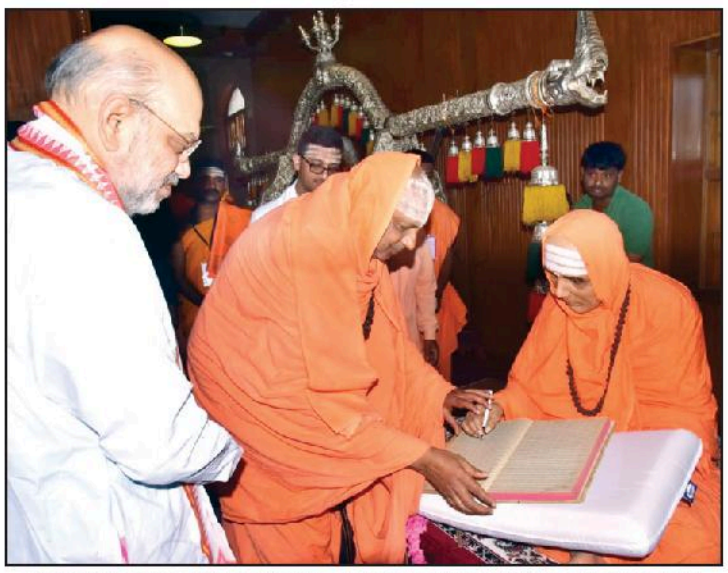
Play : **Kempu Hoo**
Troupe : Sanchalana, Mysuru
Author : Safdar Hashmi
Adapted to Kannada : Nataraj Honnavalli
Director : M.H. Bhavana

Play : **Paapu-Bapu**
Troupe : Ranga Garadi, Hunsur
Author : Boluvaru Mohammed Kunhi
Director : Dr. Sripad Bhat

FEB. 16

Play : Pushparani
Troupe : Students of Shaktidhama Vidyashala, Mysuru
Author : Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara
Director : Deepak Mysore

Amit Shah begins hectic Mysuru visit



Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji takes Senior BJP leader Amit Shah around the Suttur Mutt this morning.

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From the Airport, the Home Minister's cavalcade proceeded towards the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel where he stayed overnight. At 12.15 pm, he proceeded towards the Suttur Mutt where he inaugurated Smt. Parvathamma and Dr. Sri Shamanur Shivashankarappa Guest House.

Amit Shah's arrival holds significant importance, particularly in light of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the BJP-JD(S) alliance and the imminent announcement of election candidates. His presence is anticipated to invigorate leaders and party workers, rallying them towards the BJP's objective of securing more than 400 seats in the Lok Sabha.

While the BJP has solidified its presence across most regions of the country, the old Mysuru region presents a notable challenge. However, the party aims to navigate this terrain smoothly through its alliance with the JD(S). During his brief visit to Mysuru, Shah will conduct a series of meetings aimed at motivating party workers and assessing the BJP's readiness for the Lok Sabha elections.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and BJP Mysuru (Rural) District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy receiving Amit Shah at Mysore Airport at 2.45 am today.

Amit Shah lauds Suttur Mutt for noble work

Amit Shah arrived in Suttur today at 12.30 pm and he was received by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. Union Minister Pralhad V. Joshi, MP Pratap Simmha, former CM Basavaraj Bommai, former minister C.T. Ravi, BJP National General Secretary B.L. Santhosh, Opposition Leader in the State Assembly R. Ashoka, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra and former MP Prabhakar Kore were present.

The Home Minister later inaugurated Smt. Parvathamma and Dr. Sri Shamanur Shivashankarappa Guest House constructed by the prominent Lingayat leader Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa. The building, erected at a cost of Rs. 12 crore, boasts four floors and 50 rooms, providing accommodation for up to 700 guests.

Speaking after the inauguration, Shah praised the extensive contributions of Suttur Mutt in various aspects of social upliftment, including education, healthcare, free food distribution, promotion of art and culture, and overall development of students into responsible citizens.

Highlighting the exemplary service rendered by all the 24 Gurus of Suttur Mutt and the current head, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Shah commended their selfless dedication to social causes. He noted that the Mutt has established over 350 educational institutions with 20,000 staff, serving the educational and spiritual needs of more than one lakh students annually.

In response to the accolades showered upon the Mutt, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji likened Amit Shah to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Iron Man, acknowledging Shah's strong leadership qualities and unwavering commitment to the decisions taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the nation's interests and welfare.

Noted psychiatrist Dr. C.R. Chandrashekar, tribal leader Somanna felicitated in city

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (PM&DM)- Padma Shri awardee and noted Psychiatrist Dr. C.R. Chandrashekar said that mental fitness is the key to a sound health and as such every individual should concentrate on maintenance of mental health.

He was speaking after being felicitated along with another Padma Shri awardee tribal leader Somanna at a programme organised under the aegis of a host of organisations at Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara premises at Nanjumalige in Lakshmipuram here this morning.

Pointing out that this year is a special one for him on three counts — one, he has been awarded the prestigious 'Padma Shri' award, the second is completion of 75 years of age and the third one is completion of 50 years of Medical service, Dr. Chandrashekar, who is also a former faculty of the prestigious NIMHANS in Bengaluru, said though people are well aware of body organs, they do not have much knowledge about the constitution of the brain and its working.

" People tend to ignore mental health as they feel it is not important for them. But they fail to understand that mental health is key for a sound body. Food *(Ahaara)*, Convention *(Aachara)*, Judgement *(Vichara)* and Relaxation *(Vihara)* are key factors in the maintenance of a sound physical and mental health", he said.

Regretting that even the educated turn to witchcraft, black magic, super powers etc. for getting rid of mental worries, stress and strains, he said that during his service, he found that those suffering from mental disorders come to a psychiatrist only as a last resort, which is really unfortunate.

Stressing on the need to have a peaceful and stress-free mind, he called upon the people not to ignore mental health and visit a psychiatrist if they suffer from any depression.

Tribal leader of H.D. Kote taluk Somanna who was also awarded the 'Padma Shri' said that he was thankful to the Union Government for bestowing such a prestigious award on him. Noting that he thanks the Government on behalf of all tribals, he said the award has further motivated him to work more for the cause of not only tribals, but all other marginalised and vulnerable sections of the society. He called upon the affluent to contribute for the upliftment of tribals and the downtrodden.

An interaction with the two 'Padma Shri' awardees followed the felicitation programme.

Rowdy-sheeter hacked to death at Palahalli

Prajwal

Srirangapatna, Feb. 11 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A rowdy-sheeter, who was said to be involved in the murder of another rowdy-sheeter Vinay alias Vinu, a few months ago, has been allegedly hacked to death in front of a bakery at Palahalli village in the taluk this morning.

The deceased rowdy-sheeter is Prajwal (29), son of Nagendra of Palahalli.

It is learnt that Prajwal was standing in front of a bakery this morning, when four persons jumped out of a white Innova SUV with Kerala State registration number plate and tried to assault Prajwal. Though Prajwal tried to escape, the gang of four hacked him brutally with machetes and fled from the spot. Prajwal, who was bleeding profusely, is said to have breathed his last on the spot.

Mandya SP Yatish, A SP Thimmaiah, Dy.SP Murali, Inspectors Prakash and A. Mallesh and staff visited the spot and conducted preliminary investigation. Srirangapatna Town Police, have registered a case.

Amit Shah's Mysuru visit attracts Congress protest

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BLU&VNS)- Leaders and workers of Mysuru City and District Congress Committee staged a poster protest titled 'My Tax My Right' in the city this morning, in response to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Mysuru.

The protest, held at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle), denounced the Central Government for what they called allegedly withholding Karnataka's entitled tax share of Rs. 3,40,000 crore.

Wrapping black bands around their arms, the protesters voiced their dissent against Union Minister Amit Shah and the Central Government, while also affixing 'My Tax My Right' posters on the city walls.

Accusing Amit Shah of arriving in Mysuru without any tangible offerings, the protesters claimed that the Centre was deliberately depriving Karnataka of its rightful share, especially since the state is governed by the Congress party. They further criticised the Union Home Minister for visiting a drought-stricken state without providing any relief measures.

Additionally, the protesters alleged that the Union Government had failed to release funds promised in the budget to the State. The demonstration saw the participation of Mysuru District Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress Committee President R. Murthy and other party members.

Adventure sailing, swimming at KRS Backwaters

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Of special note, the event welcomed three international triathletes from Germany, adding an international dimension to the competition. The organisers see this as a significant stride towards promoting triathlon as a premier sport in the State and positioning Mysuru as a prime destination for sports enthusiasts nationwide.

Participants will navigate the serene waters of the KRS Backwaters for the swimming segment, while the cycling and running segments will take them through the landscapes of the Anandur-Chikkanahalli area.

The events are divided into three categories: Bergman Triathlon 113 (1.9-km swim, 90-km cycling, and 21.1-km run); Bergman Olympic Triathlon (1.5km swim, 40 km cycling, and 10 km run) and Duathlon. The organisers have announced cash prizes of Rs. 25,000, Rs. 15,000, and Rs. 10,000 for the winners of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively.

Dignitaries present at the inaugural event included Triathlon Association of Karnataka Secretary Shreyas Hosur, Chief Coordinator Chandan, Tourism Department Joint Director M.K. Savitha and Deccan Sports Club representatives Vaibhav Belgaonkar & Uday Patil.

The organisers aim to make this an annual event, with plans to host a Weekend Sports Carnival in Mysuru next year, featuring multiple sports events such as swimming, cycling and running over a weekend.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa launches BJP's 'Booth Chalo'

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, spearheading the 'Booth Chalo' initiative, aimed at disseminating the programmes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past five years, is seen visiting households and distributing handbills outlining the schemes and initiatives of the PM to residents. The MLA inaugurated the 'Booth Chalo' programme across all 266 booths within his Constituency, which commenced on Feb. 8 and concluded on Feb. 10.

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Create awareness on child rights among parents: DC

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RK&TRR)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has said that awareness should be created among parents about issues like child marriage and rights of children like education, health and others.

Dr. Rajendra was speaking as the chief guest at a one-day training programme 'Child Related Laws (Makkalige Sambhandisida Kanoonugalu)' organised jointly by the Directorate of Child Welfare, Department of Women and Child Welfare, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Karnataka State Open University(KSOU), Nutrition Society, District Legal Services Authority, District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and District Child Protection Unit at Kaveri auditorium, KSOU premises recently.

"Child marriages are rampant in rural areas and we need to create awareness among parents about the rights of a child. Also there is a need to create awareness among children about what is good and what is bad," said DC while speaking at the training programme.

Stating that we all need to imbibe the traits of humanity and sensitivity, Dr. Rajendra said that parents need to be responsive and pro-active when a girl child brings an issue to their notice without neglecting it. "It is possible to ensure that children become good citizens only when parents and officials are aware of the child related laws in the country," concluded Dr. Rajendra.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. Sharanappa V Halse who spoke after inaugurating the training programme said that we have to take care of our children in a responsible manner. We need to educate our children about our culture and tradition to help them evolve as good citizens, he added.

Addressing the officials who participated in the programme, Member Secretary of District Legal Services Authority B.G. Dinesh said that according to Indian Majority Act and POCSO Act, persons below the age of 18 are considered as children. Under various rules of our Constitution there is mention about a child's right with respect to equality, discrimination, nutritious food, education and health.

"Both Central and State Governments must function according to the wishes of the Constitution and should focus on Child Rights," added Dinesh. A small play on child marriage was staged by the students of Chayadevi School.

Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Member S. Manju, Deputy Director of Department of Women and Child Welfare H.R. Suresh, District Child Protection Unit's N.T. Yogesh, KSOU Nutrition Science Department Assistant Professor Dr. C Anita, Deputy Director of School Education and Literacy, Pandu and others were present.

Civic honour for

Dr. C.N. Manjunath on Feb. 26

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MK&BS)- Leaders of various organisations have resolved to organise a civic honour for Dr. C.N. Manjunath, who recently retired as the Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru on Feb. 26, at Kalamandira in the city.

This was decided during a meeting of various organisations of Vokkaliga community and other communities convened at Jaladarshini Guest House here, recently.

The leaders who aired their opinions at the meeting said "With his yeoman service, Dr. Manjunath has touched upon people irrespective of community. To value the services rendered by him to the society, a befitting honour should be accorded to Dr. Manjunath, that should also portray his numerous achievements. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and other dignitaries of the society should be invited for the ceremony."

Several thousands of people from Mysuru and surrounding districts are expected to turn up for the event. Adequate arrangements should be made for the smooth going of the event, along with food and other arrangements for the grand success of the event.

Former Corporators SBM Manju and Prema Shankare Gowda, former Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Mysuru District Government Employees Association President Govindaraju, BJP leader V. Kaveesh Gowda, Janata Dal (Secular) Spokesperson N.R. Ravichandre Gowda, former Chairman of Karnataka State Women's Commission Manjula Manasa, Hema Nandish, Neha Naina, Satish Javaregowda, Chetan, Harsha, Satish Gowda, Manju, Gokul Govardhan and leaders of other organisations were present.

Lions Region V Meet "Mental Health & Well Being" held

Mysuru, Feb. 11- The Lions Region V meet, themed 'Mental Health & Well Being' chaired by Lion Hemant Kumar Bhansali was held recently at the Rahul Convention Hall in Vishweshwara Nagar, in city recently.

Dr. B.N. Raveesh from Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), Shilpi Agarwal, DRM of South Western Railway, Mysuru Division and Sudhakar S. Shetty, Chairman of JIRSM International School were present.

The meet was jointly inaugurated by Advisor Ln. H.N. Ramathirtha, mentor Ln. Dr. Mahavir Chand Bhansali and several Zone Chairpersons. First Vice District Governor Ln. N. Subramanya and other Lions dignitaries attended the event.

As part of the service activity, 350 modular artificial limbs, worth Rs. 65,00,000, were distributed to beneficiaries jointly with Narayan Seva Trust, Udaipur and Jain Milan Charitable Trust, Mysuru.

'Kannada and Culture department has no grants to pay honorarium to poor artistes'

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (SPN&DM)- District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal regretted that with the State Government giving little grants to it, the Kannada and Culture department had no funds to pay honorarium to poor artistes at the District and Taluk levels.

He was speaking at the 'Sugama Sangeetha' programme organised by Sri Mounesh Music and Cultural Trust in association with Kannada and Culture department, Bengaluru at Nadabarhma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB road here recently.

Pointing out that he will visit Singapore,Japan and other Asian countries for taking part in cultural programmes there, Gopal said that he is often feels that the music performances there are very much similar to the tones of Karnatak music. As such, Karnatak music has earned global appreciation, he said.

"In foreign countries, artistes who involve themselves in Arts,Literature,Music,Dance and other forms of Art are given a good honorarium. But in our country, the situation is quite different, he said adding in a disappointing note that this is how the Government is respecting our rich arts and culture. He lauded the Trust for organising a Sugama Sangeetha concert in memory of senior singers Madikeri Nagendra and C. Ashwath.

Senior artist Indrani Anantaramu was felicitated on the occasion. Retired Forest Officer Nagaraj, Social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Sri Mounesh Music and Cultural Trust's Umapathy and others were present.

TiE regional contest opens for college entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BCT)- TiE Mysuru Chapter, a part of the global network of TiE, has launched its regional competition to select the college team that will represent TiE Mysuru Chapter at the global finals of the TiE Un Global Pitch Competition 2024. Applications are now open at *www.tieuniversity.org/pc*

TiE U (formerly TiE University) is an initiative by TiE Global to nurture the entrepreneurial spirit of college students. It guides from ideation to investment, helping turn campus ideas into successful businesses.

The programme offers college startup teams access to learning resources, mentorship from seasoned entrepreneurs, and opportunities to participate in Global Mentoring Sessions, Startup Bootcamps, and Pitch Competitions. These experiences are instrumental in transforming startup dreams into reality.

In 2023, TiE U witnessed significant participation, bringing together 32 winning teams virtually from TiE Chapters across eight countries. Local college competitions saw involvement from a staggering 1,455 startup teams and 3,676 college students, receiving guidance from local TiE chapters and participating in workshops, boot camps, and mock sessions.

This year, the competition emphasises investment-centric approaches, with top teams having the opportunity to pitch directly to prominent angel investors. Additionally, special prizes await outstanding participants, with total prize money of 25,000 USD up for grabs.

Furthermore, the top six finalists will receive nurturing from industry experts through TiE U Nurture, a programme designed to enhance the ecosystem for select startups. TiE Mysuru Chapter President Dr. Mahesh Rao highlighted the significance of the competition in fostering entrepreneurship among college students.

The competition is open to startups/ founders currently in college or who have graduated after the academic year 2022-2023 onwards. Mentored by experienced entrepreneurs at the regional level, startups present their ideas to a seasoned jury panel to select the regional winner. The winning team then becomes part of the global cohort, undergoing extensive mentoring and coaching by international mentors. TiE Mysuru Chapter will provide up to Rs. 2.5 lakh cash award to the chapter-level winners, along with one-on-one mentorship and incubation support. Chapter winners will also be able to compete globally and win a prize of 50,000 USD.

To register and for further information on TiE Mysuru activities, contact Mahesh Kattale, Executive Director, TiE Mysuru Chapter, at +91-94481-54063 or via e-mail: *ed@mysuru.tie.org*

'Chandravana Siri' Award conferred on former CM S.M. Krishna

Srirangapatna, Feb. 11- Former Chief Minister and former Governor S.M. Krishna was conferred with 'Chandravana Siri' award at a function organised in Chandravana Ashram premises located in the outskirts of Srirangapatna town on Feb. 7.

Speaking on the occasion, the Ashram Seer Trinetra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji said that it is happy to note that the former CM came over to the Ashram to receive the award. Recalling the achievements of the former CM, he said that Krishna handled the grave drought situation in an able manner by overcoming the challenges. He wished Krishna a healthy and a long life.

Speaking after receiving the award, S.M. Krishna said that he could not attend the valedictory of the 25th anniversary of the Seer's anointment to the Peetha throne for which he would like to apologise to the Seers. Lauding the growth of the Ashram over the years, he said that the Ashram has been promoting Yoga which is very helpful to the present generation.

Former Minister C.S. Puttaraju, who also spoke, said that the visit of a stalwart leader like S.M. Krishna has brought happiness among all the Ashram devotees.

BJP leader Induvalu Sachidananda, S.C. Aravind, T.P. Shivakumar, Engineer Nagesh, Naganna, Krishnappa, Mukunda and others were present.

CRICKET TALK

By Prof. B.K. Viswanath

India shines, Bumrah dazzles

Geoffrey Boycott was furious after England lost the second Test to India at Visakhapatnam on Monday Feb. 5th and he fused — "Bazball was a failure, a flop" and he lashed out at Brendon McCullum, the English coach and Ben Stokes, captain of the team. To cool down his outburst, one would remind Goeffrey of the match at Edgbaston in 2019 where the hosts had the last laugh against India. There were many good balls bowled by the pacemen in this match. In this context one would like to ask Sunil Gavaskar and Boycott as to which of the three balls delivered by Bumrah (2) and Anderson (1) were the deadliest and unplayable? In the first instance, Bumrah outclassed the first Test top order batsman Ollie Pope (who was largely responsible for the touring team's victory at Hyderabad), with a torpedo like yorker and bamboozled him for a low score. He also bowled a beauty to the English skipper, who raised both his hands in disbelief, as the ball pierced his defense and hit his off stump. In India's second Innings, skipper Rohit was beaten and bowled by Anderson with a ball that just curled in late and took away the off stump. The query might change Geoffrey's anger into contemplation and leave Gavaskar in awe of the bowling magic of Bumrah and Anderson.

For India to level the series 1-1 and with three Tests to go, it needed superlative batting, Jaiswal as the opener, playing strokes all round the wicket with a few breath taking heaves out of the boundary to finish off with 209 runs in 290 minutes of match winning knock including 19 fours and 7 sixes, was the cynosure of all eyes. In spite of controlled bowling by Rehan, Anderson and Bashir of the English team, India notched up an imposing total of 396 in their first Innings.

The Brits, in their first Innings had a good opening stand but faltered later. Crawley batted confidently for a well compiled 76, Captain Stokes scored 47 attacking the bowlers at every opportunity. Hartley's 21 was good but Root and Pope failed with the willow. Among Indian bowlers, Bumrah was in terrific form with speed, sharpness, movement and line & length, that enabled him wonderful figures of 6/45 and 3/46 totalling to an outstanding 9-91, on an almost docile wicket. This record spell in the match propelled him to the top spot in the ICC's Test bowlers rankings. Kuldeep with his left arm spin obtained 3 wickets while Ashwin didn't do that well, perhaps he reserved his skill for England's second innings. England's first Innings folded up at 253 giving India a lead of 143 runs that eventually sealed the match.

Batting in the second Innings, India could muster a total of 255. Gill sent to bat at number 3, played a mature, aggressive game and scored 104 runs to boost India's total. Axar and Ashwin contributed 45 and 29 runs respectively. England in their second Innings, fought back well with the dependable opener Crawley, again cracking a majestic 73, while his partner Duckett made 28 runs. There were useful contributions from the wicket keeper Foakes (36) and a quick fire 36 from the first Test match winner Hartley. On India's part Ashwin bowled beautifully grabbing 3 wickets while Bumrah accounted for 3 wickets. Ashwin needs just one more wicket to complete a tally of 500 in Tests. The performances by Team India resulted in victory by 106 runs.

India cannot afford to relax from the Vizag triumph as England is always capable of fighting back with the advantage of Bazball. They achieved almost an impossible victory against India at Edgbaston in 2019. It was an amazing feat to chase a target of 378.

Stokes led the batting performance and he with Leach, a number 11 batsman, took the score past India to win the match. Stokes and Leach added 76 runs towards the end to achieve a classic victory. It should be remembered that the English defeat at Vizag Test is likely to embolden the Brits to fight back later on in the series. Boycott's warning cry -"If we can't win, we will GO DOWN in glorious failure" is likely to enthuse England to be more positive in their approach. It is important for them that Root recovers on time from the finger injury before the next match, which would galvanize England to put up a good show. The former English captain and the present commentator Nasser Hussain was full of praise for Bumrah's bowling. Nasser termed Bumrah's spell as one of 'magical' brilliance and that it came from a 'genius' speedster. He opined that Bumrah's bowling made all the difference as other cricketers joined him in complimenting the bowler's swing, sharpness, line and length and occasionally deadly yorkers, especially the one delivery that uprooted Pope's stumps. Bumrah's was a stellar performance that played a pivotal role in India's win.

In the Test match at Visakhapatnam, there was also good fielding from both the sides. For England, Stokes latched on to a brilliant catch to dismiss Shreyas as Stokes covered a lot of ground running back over his shoulder to catch the ball. Shreyas also made a wonderful stop of the ball and in one action threw it at the stumps as Stokes was out of the crease by a mere inch or two. It should be noted that Shreyas's batting display was not up to mark and there is a likelihood of his being replaced. There was a very quick reflex catch in the slip by Rohit and the speed of reflection was measured at 0.45 seconds.

Besides the players' exciting exhibition of the game, one must applaud the crowd which was alert in clapping a good drive, a great pick up in the field and the fall of a wicket of either side.

WORD OF THE DAY

Weltschmerz

Pronunciation: welt·schmerz or velt-shmerts.
Meaning: Mental depression or apathy caused by comparison of the actual state of the world with an ideal state.
Origin: The word weltschmerz initially came into being as a by-product of the European Romanticism movement of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. A combining of the German words for "world" (Welt) and "pain" (Schmerz), weltschmerz aptly captures the melancholy and pessimism that often characterised the artistic expressions of the era. The term was used in German by the Romantic author Jean Paul (pseudonym of Johann Paul Friedrich Richter) in his 1827 novel *Selina,* but it wasn't adopted into English until the middle of the 19th century.
Example: The doctor suspected ennui, which in some cases can turn into weltschmerz. — Star Tribune, 16 May 2021

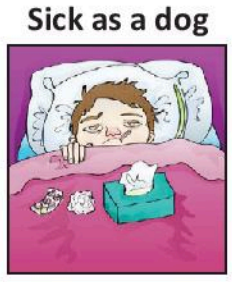
THE ODD WORD

Zoanthropy

Delusion of a person who believes himself changed into an animal.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Sick as a dog



Meaning: When you use the phrase 'Sick as a dog' you mean that someone is very sick.
Origin: The origin of phrase 'Sick as a dog' can be found in the early 1700's, when it was common to compare undesirable things to dogs. The explanation for this isn't that people didn't like dogs, it is that diseases such as plague were often spread via animals like rats, birds and unfortunately, dogs.
Example: How are you?" Answer: "Not great. In fact, I've been sick as a dog for the last three days."

QUOTE BOX

One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain. **—Bob Marley**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Scrambled eggs.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Reliquary
5 Scurries or dashes through
9 Ancient Roman household deity
12 Bollywood star ___ Dhupia
13 Ancient kingdom - "male" anagram?
14 Eco. Comm. of Europe
15 Apple's music player
16 Pertinent
18 Tragic Montague
20 Helped out
21 Permitted or legal
22 Mythical monster
23 Suffix with "self" or "good"
24 Popular news channel
27 "__ _ Small World" (3,1)
31 China's thoughtful Chairman
32 Localities
34 Commonly used abbreviation for "Et cetera"
35 Political alliance
37 Far from beautiful
38 Sellout sign: abbr.
39 Ship's record
41 Of birth
43 Is furiously angry; speaks furiously or violently
46 Small-minded
47 Barbarous or cruel act
50 An expression of pain
52 Voice of America
53 Pronounce or state
54 IIM grads.
55 Internet addresses
56 Titular king of Naples (1409-80)
57 The badger's home is called this

DOWN
1 Black bird - "in a" change ?
2 Retaliation
3 Child's train (4-4)
4 One of the As of AAP
5 Nothing
6 English suffix or French island
7 He is my ___ : he is my bosom buddy?
8 Smudge
9 Show the way
10 A skin complaint
11 "Retired" in short ?
17 Veni, Vidi, ____ : I came, I saw, I conquered?
19 Italian volcano
21 An arm, or a leg
22 Elliptical
25 Medicine
26 Another word for a young sheep
28 A piece of lab equipment (4-4)
29 A mewer but not your pet? (5,3)
30 System of bidding in Bridge
33 Auld Lang __: days of long ago ?
36 Jazz singer Laine
40 Hollywood award
42 Minute particles
43 Sitarist Shankar
44 Over or above
45 Mardi ___ : merry making on Shrove Tuesday ?
46 Funerary bonfire
48 I have, contracted
49 Decimal base
51 FDR's successor

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

E	S	P	N	■	G	O	A	D	■	S	A	M
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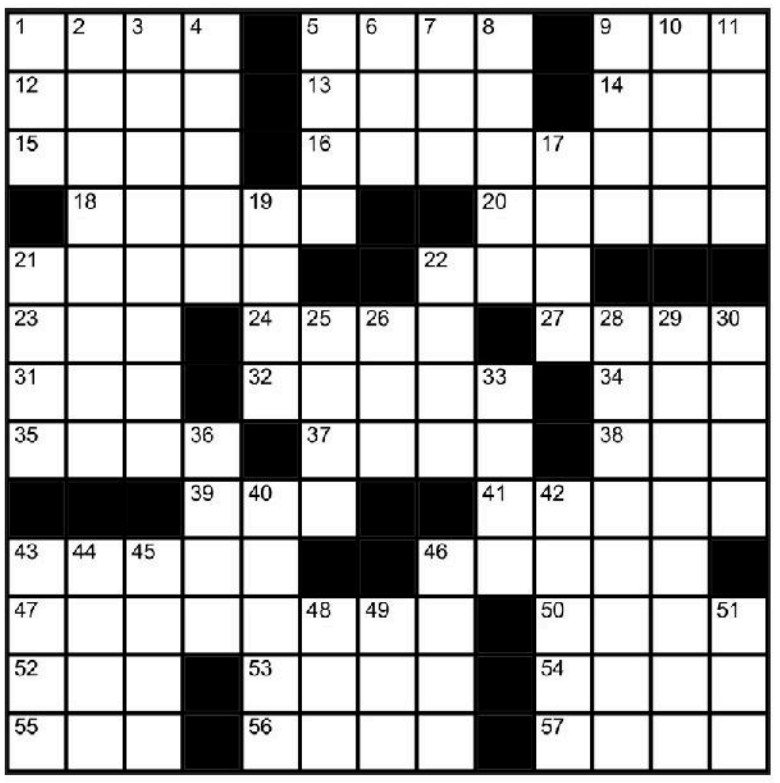

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	4	2	7	1	6	3	8	9
1	7	3	4	8	9	5	6	2
6	8	9	3	5	2	4	7	1
4	1	8	6	2	3	9	5	7
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7	2	4	9	6	8	1	3	5
8	3	1	2	7	5	6	9	4
9	5	6	1	3	4	7	2	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YIL DELHYLCY GSLHCVEL QT SQWL QC BXQTD

MIHY GLXGSL CHO OXV PHTTXY BX.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS P

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Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-1) 10.10 am, 1.10 pm
	(S-3) 4.10 pm
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Pranayam (K)	(S-2) 10.30 am
Just Pass (K)	(S-2) 1.20 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	(S-2) 4.00 pm
Premalu (Ma)	(S-2) 7.15 pm
Aneshwashippin Kandethum (Ma)	(S-2) 10.15 pm
Teri Baatoon Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	(S-3) 10.40 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Lover (Ta)	(S-3) 1.20 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4) 10.10 am, 7.10 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	(S-4) 1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
Yatra 2 (Te)	(S-4) 10.00 pm

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Maaye and Company (K)	:	10.20 am
Just Pass (K)	:	10.25 am, 3.50 pm
Naguvina Hoogala Mele (K)	:	12.20 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm, 6.40 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.10 pm, 9.20 pm
Juni (K)	:	2.45 pm
Pranayam (K)	:	5.20 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	7.55 pm

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Fighter (H-2D)	:	11.15 am, 6.50 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	10:15 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	:	11.40 am, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	11.50 am, 3 pm, 6.20 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	12 noon
Lover (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.40 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	2.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Eagle (Te)	:	3.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Just Pass (K)	:	4.10 pm
Premam (Ma)	:	6.05 pm
Anweshippin Kandethum (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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Lal Salaam (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.00 noon
Fighter (H-3D)	:	12.10 pm
Eagle (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Juni (K)	:	3.35 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	3.50 pm, 6.35 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	7.00 pm
Lover (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

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Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	3.35 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	(S-2)	9.40 am, 4.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Eagle (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 pm; (S-3) 2.25 pm
Fighter (H)	(S-4)	12.05 pm
Teri Batoon Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	(S-1)	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Anweshippin Kandethum (Ma)	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-3)	11.15 am; (S-4) 6.50 pm
Lover (Ta)	(S-3)	6.25 pm

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Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Yatra 2 (Te)	:	10.00 am, 7.10 pm
Lover (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 4.05 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	11.00 am, 6.15 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	:	12.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Just Pass (K)	:	1.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.15 pm
Eagle (Te)	:	2.55 pm
Juni (K)	:	4.25 pm
Pranayam (K)	:	7.25 pm
Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (H)	:	9.30 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 11)

- **Sahaja Samrudha and Rotary Club of Mysore West:** Roots and Tuber Festival, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Coffee City:** 'Twilight Whispers of Hampi - Photography Expo' by Shivashankar Banagar, Neralu-Belaku Gallery, Coffee City, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 9 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Sneha Sinchana Trust, Mysuru:** K.S. Narasimhaswamy and Da.Ra. Bendre Nenapinotsava - Dampatya Kavigoshti and Bendre Geetha Gayana programme, former MLC A.H. Vishwanath inaugurates, poetess Dr. K.N. Lavanya Prabha presides, floral tributes by social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee and writer Dr. K. Leela Prakash, Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal delivers keynote address, writer B.R. Nagaratna and teacher & writer K.T. Srimathi will speak about K.S. Narasimhaswamy and Da.Ra. Bendre respectively, Parishat Hon. Secretary and Sneha Sinchana Trust President M.N. Latha Mohan will be present, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Niramaya Foundation, Swachchanda and Suraksha Foundation:** Valedictory of Cricket Tournament for visually challenged women, Manasagangothri Cricket Grounds, **4 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** 'Veena Gaana Navollaasa' in memory of Vid. M.J. Srinivas Iyengar, a veteran veena exponent from city, Veena concert by Vid. Ananthapadmanabhan from Tiruvananthapuram, accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandrarao on mridanga and Vid. Ranganatha Chakravarthy on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, **6pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Muktidananda speaks on 'Sri Rama Krishna Aratrika,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Nama Tuluver Kala Sanghatane, Udupi:** Suvarna Karnataka Ranga Abhiyana, staging of play 'Ambe,' scripted by Dr. Sarju Katkar and directed by Umesh Salian Narayan; Conferring of 'Suvarna Karnataka Awards' on actor Mandya Ramesh (Theatre), Rajashekar Kadamba (Social Service), Shivamurthy Juptimath (Journalism), Manjunath (Folklore) and GBS Siddegowda (Cinema); Felicitation to senior theatre personality and former Mysuru Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah; Senior theatre director Dr. Sripad Bhat inaugurates, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy presides, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kakanakote,' written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

- **Doddapete Arya Vysya Mandali, Sri Kanyakaparameshwari Temple, Ashoka Road:** Sri Vasavi Vishwaroopa Darshana Mahotsava, Mahamangalarati, Teerta-Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 12)

- **Coffee City:** 'Twilight Whispers of Hampi - Photography Expo' by Shivashankar Banagar, Neralu-Belaku Gallery, Coffee City, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **District Administration and Department of Kannada & Culture:** Sri Shivayogi Siddharameshwara Jayanti, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**
- **Nrutya Vidyapeeta - Academy of Classical Dance and Indian Arts, Mysuru:** 14th Annual Day celebrations 'Nartana Vrukshaavali - 2024' and 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam,' conferring of 'Bharata Kesari Award' on retd. ASI - CRPF K.G. Thangamma, Kannada Rajyotsava awardee Guru Vidushi Chandramathi A. Rao inaugurates the event, Holenarasipura's Swarna Educational Institution Principal Shobha Balakrishna and L&T Technology Services Manager G.K. Kamala special guests; Inauguration and Pratibha Puraskar presentation - Honouring of exam toppers, **4.30 pm;** Nartana Vrukshaavali - 2024 - Choreography and Dance Direction by Guru Vidu. C.N. Anitha, Bharatanatyam series from the students of Nrutya Vidyapeeta, music ensemble - Vidu. Ramya Rajesh (natuvanga), Nayana Nagaraj (vocal), Vid. G.T. Swamy (mridanga) and Vid. Thandavamurthy (violin), **5 pm;** Bharatan Kesari Award Ceremony, **6.30 pm;** 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam' by Guru Vidu. C.N. Anitha and Vidwat students, music ensemble - Vidu. Nishchitha (natuvanga), Vid. Rohit Bhat Uppoor, Bengaluru (vocal), Vid. P. Janardhana Rao, Bengaluru (mridanga), Vid. Rakesh Sudhir, Mysuru (flute), Kalamandira, **4.30 pm.**
- **Gayana Sabha, Mysuru:** Hindustani Classical Music Concert - Sarod recital by Sougata Roy Chowdhury from Kolkata, accompanied by Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Interaction

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, in association with Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA), has organised an interaction on 'Vachana Sahitya' at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Feb. 16 at 11 am. Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will inaugurate. JSS Women's College Journalism Department Head Dr. Sukanya Malloli will deliver a lecture. MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar will be the chief guest. Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah will preside. Vachana Gayana by Rajarajeshwari Akkana Balaga, Mysuru, at 10.30 am.

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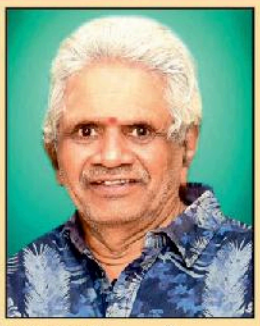

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